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Dear Department of Environmental Quality,
CC: Governor Ralph Northam

Enviva's industrial facilities in Virginia chop down our trees and turn them into wood pellets. Those pellets are then shipped around the world and burned to generate electricity in power plants. Enviva is the largest maker of these pellets in the world and falsely claims this process is good for the environment and the climate. It's not.

Logging Virginia's forests to turn them into wood pellets for energy production destroys the trees that decarbonize our air and protect us from climate crisis. When Enviva's pellets are burned in power plants, it creates more carbon pollution than coal, gas, and oil. Plus, turning Virginia trees into wood pellets emits dust and toxic pollution that affects the health of surrounding communities.

It is time that this carbon-polluting, forest-destroying practice comes to an end in Virginia. The first two steps to make that happen is to require Enviva to add new pollution controls to its plant and reject Enviva's application to increase air pollution from its dirty and destructive wood pellet plant in Southampton.

Sincerely,